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WARSAW, ILL., JUNE 14, 1844.

At a mass meeting of the citizens of Hancock County, convened at Carthage on the 13th day of June 1844, Mr. Knox was appointed President, John [illegible] and Lewis F. Evans, Vice Preside[illegible] and Wm. Y. Head Secretary.

Henry Stephens Esq., present[illegible] following resolutions, passed at a meeting of the Citizens of Warsaw, and [illegible]ed the adoption of them as the sense of the meeting:

PREAMBLE AND [illegible]OLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, information has reached us, about which there can be no question, that the authorities of Nauvoo, [illegible] recently pass an Ordinance, declaring a Printing Press and Newspaper published by the opponents of the Prophet a nuisance, and in pursuance thereof, did direct the Marshal of the city, and his adherents to enter by force, the building from whence the paper was issued, and violently, (if necessary,) to take possession of the press and printing materials, and thereafter to [illegible] as, in pursuance of said ordinance, the Marshall and his adherents together with a mob of Mormons, did after sunset on the evening of the 10th inst., violently enter said building in a tumultuous manner burning and destroying the press and other materials found on the premises.

And WHEREAS, Hyrum Smith did in presence of the City Council, and the citizens of Nauvoo, offer a reward for the destruction of the printing press and materials of the Warsaw Signal,—a newspaper also opposed to his interest.

And WHEREAS, the liberty of the press is one of the cardinal principles of our Government, firmly guaranteed by the several Constitutions of the States, as well as the United States.

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Therefore, be it solemnly *Resolved*, By the citizens of Warsaw in Public Meeting, assembled,

That, we view the recent ordinance of the City of Nauvoo, and the proceedings thereunder, as an outrage, of an alarming character, revolutionary and tyrannical in its tendency, and being under color of law, as calculated to subvert and destroy in the minds of the community, all reliance on the Law.

Resolved, That as a Community, we feel anxious, when possible, to redress our greviences by legal remedies; but the time has now arrived, when the Law has ceased to be a protection to our lives and property. A mob at Nauvoo under a city, ordinance, has violated the highest privilege in our Government, and to seek redress in the ordinary mode, would be utterly inefectual.

Resolved, That the public threat made in the Council of the City, not only to destroy our Printing Press, but to take the life of its Editor, is sufficient, in connection with the recent outrage, to command the efforts and the services of every good citizen, to put an immediate stop to the career of the mad Prophet and his demoniac coadjutors. We must not only defend ourselves from danger, but we must resolutely carry the War into the enemy's Camp. We do therefore declare, that we will sustain our Press and the Editor, at all hazards. That we will take full vengeance,—terrible vengeance, should the lives of any of our citizens be lost in the effort. That we hold ourselves at all times in readiness to co-operate with our fellow citizens in this State, Missouri and Iowa, to exterminate, utterly exterminate, the wicked and abominable Mormon Leaders, the authors of our troubles.

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed forthwith to notify all persons in our Township suspected of being the tools of the Prophet, to leave immediately on pain of instant vengeance. And we do recommend the inhabitants of the adjacent Townships to do the same, hereby pledging ourselves to render all the assistance they may require.

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On motion of Mr. Sympson, Walter Bagbee, Esq., was requested to address the meeting during the absence of the Committee. He spoke long and eloquently upon the cause of our grievances, and expressed his belief that the time was now at hand, when we were individually and collectively called upon [illegible] our liberties, and suggested that points be designated as places of encampment, at which to rendevous our forces—that we may be ready, when called upon for efficient action.

Dr. Barns, one of the persons who went with the officers to Nauvoo, for the purpose of arresting the rioters, having just arrived, came into the meeting, and reported the result of their proceedings—which was, that the persons charged in the writs, were duly arrested, but taken from the officers hands on a writ of *habeas corpus* from the Municipal Court, and discharged, and the following potent words entered upon the records—HONORABLY DISCHARGED.

On motion of O. C. Skinner, Esq., a vote of thanks was tendered to Dr. Barns for volunteering his services in executing said writs.

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Ordered, That J. H. Sherman, H. T. Wilson, Chauncy Robinson, Wm. S. Freeman, Thos. Morrison, F. M. Higbee, Lyman Prentiss and Stephen H. Tyler, be said Committee.

On motion of Geo. Rockwell,

Resolved, That Constables in the different precincts hold themselves in readiness to obey the officer in possession of the writs, whenever called upon, in summoning the posse.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

JOHN KNOX, Prest.
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LEWIS F. EVANS, V. Prest's.
W. Y. *Head*, *Secretary*.